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SOS ARCHIVES DIVISION ANNOUNCES SPECIAL HOLIDAY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTING PARTNERSHIP WITH CHILDREN'S CHARTER SCHOOL

BATON ROUGE – Secretary of State Al Ater's Archives Division will host its annual Christmas at the Louisiana State Archives Monday, Dec. 12, at 10:00 a.m. at the Louisiana State Archives Building on Essen Lane.

The program will highlight an educational project that the Archives Division has developed with Children's Charter School. The school has some students evacuated from New Orleans that are now attending East Baton Rouge schools.

As an educational tool, the children began working with the state symbols as a Louisiana history program. This evolved into 35 students at Children's Charter School making a quilt using the state symbols. This project enabled teachers to include a history lesson with a discussion on volunteerism and good citizenship by giving back to the community.

The annual Christmas tree will be decorated with the same 25 squares shown on the quilt along with 100 hand-pieced hearts. The children have worked so unselfishly sewing the quilt and this program will show our appreciation for their hands and hearts, which they have donated, to help other children less fortunate. Evacuated students from the New Orleans area will also receive special gifts during this program.

Secretary Ater's Archives Division is developing a plan to auction the quilt in the future with the proceeds being donated for hurricane relief.

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